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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants : Yutaka AWAJIYA et al.

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Examiner : Scott R. KASTLER

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CASTING OF STEEL

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 24, 2008. The term for responding to said Office Action expires on March 24, 2009. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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